

Although individual wages will vary by job type, the jobs will pay an average wage of \$26,645 not including benefits. The McDowell County average annual wage is \$27,768.

The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent on local matches.

North Carolina continues to have a top-ranked business climate. Through Gov. Perdue's JobsNOW initiative, the state works aggressively to create jobs, train and retrain its workforce, and lay the foundation for a strong and sustainable economic future.

Through use of the One NC Fund, more than 40,000 jobs and \$7 billion in investment have been created since 2001. Other partners that helped with the project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community College Systems and McDowell County.

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